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year we had a number of counties suggesting that they wanted to turn over their county assessment function to the state. If that had happened, it would have been quite an addition to our budget, and something that we might not have been able to fund under the current circumstances. We're continuing to keep the structure where the original request for turnover comes from the counties. We're adding to that, of course, then the consideration...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...by the Property Tax Administrator's Office, and their recommendation. But we're adding to that a requirement that there be an actual appropriation in place to fund the takeover. So the final decision, in that instance, will finally rest with the Legislature, and if we have enough money to actually do the takeover. And there's a procedure and time lines to take care of that. Section 14 is the adding of a \$10 fee for reassignment of a tax deed. Sometimes those things are sold. County treasurers do not now collect a fee for those reassignments. Ten dollars is probably appropriate. And then, finally, Section 15 changes the publication cost for the...for public notice of a sale of a tax deed, allows the counties a better opportunity to collect the actual publication costs. It can't exceed \$5 per item, and...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...I think...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, an amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have amendments to the committee amendments. Senator Wickersham, AM2895. I have a note, Senator, you'd like to withdraw AM2895,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

CLERK: ...and offer AM3565. (Legislative Journal page 1471.)

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. This is the amendment that I'm